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MEMORANDUM FOR: Bruce Clarke

SUBJECT : DCI Request for Meetings with Analysts (U)

The Director has asked that meetings with a small group of concerned analysts dealing with the situations in Iran-Iraq and Poland be set up upon his return from leave beginning next week. These meetings have been set up for Monday and Tuesday of next week. Additional information relating thereto is noted below:

- a. Iran-Iraq (1330, Monday, 27 October, DCI Conference Room).
In addition to a general review/update on the situation the DCI would like to discuss the preparation of a paper which offers differing views as to whether the USSR or the US is most likely to benefit from the course of events in the Iran-Iraq conflict. He noted that while the SNIE touched on this it was not done as comprehensively as he has in mind. Included in such a paper he has in mind addressing which factors can be turned to Soviet advantage and which to ours.
- b. Poland (1330, Tuesday, 28 October, DCI Conference Room).
Here too a general update would be appropriate. In addition he has indicated some specific areas he would like to explore:
 - A main issue is whether we have said anything interpretative about Honecker's moves and what's behind them. Also, has Poland said anything?
 - What about the recent Soviet criticisms of China in the press, radio, etc? Are the Soviets deliberately building up the specter of China at this time? Could this be a means of justifying *act* inaction to secure their western front?
 - Have we interpreted the statements coming out of Husak, Bilak, Honecker and Ceausescu addressed to Poland? What of the postponement of Ceausescu's trip to Canada?
 - And how does the forthcoming CSCE impact on all of this?

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